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## **ABSTRACT**

A message, typically a SMS message, intended for a specific hardware item is provided from an application node (70) to a message controller (40) together with hardware identification data, e.g. IMSI or IMEISV. The message controller (40) and a location updated subscriber database, e.g. a HLR (50), having stored information about the intended terminating hardware, interacts (78, 80) and a further handling of the message is decided based on the provided hardware identification data and on data stored in the location updated subscriber database (50).